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Patrick de Lathau, writing to the Daily Telegraph from Paris, says:—

One of the striking stories of heroic abnegation that I have heard is told by a Swiss gentleman living at Chaux-de-Fonds, on the Franco-Swiss frontier, who at the outbreak of the war offered his services to the Belgian Red Cross. He was present at most of the important battles in Belgium, and witnessed many of the atrocious acts committed by the Germans in that unfortunate country. Of all the episodes which he describes the one I relate here will be handed down to posterity as a pathetic example of self-sacrifice.

The Germans had occupied, abandoned, and re-occupied a village in the neighbourhood of Francorchamp, near Spa. When night came on and the terrified inhabitants had shut themselves up in their houses, seeking as far as possible to avoid giving any trouble to the soldiers of the enemy which could possibly be used as a pretext for retaliation, shots suddenly rang through the night. One of those mistakes had occurred which on many occasions have been the cause of bloodshed during this war and have led to so many acts of barbarism.

ILL-FATED VILLAGE.  
The German troops who occupied the place had seen figures stealthily approaching the sleeping village, and, taking these to be a Belgian patrol, at once opened fire upon them. As a matter of fact they were their own people. In order to extricate themselves from the dilemma into which their foolishness had placed them, the German soldiers explained to their officers that the shots had been fired by the civil inhabitants. A captain who was in command immediately ordered five of the villagers from their houses, choosing these at random, and without further ado had them placed against a wall and shot.

One would have thought that this would have, for the time, ended the troubles of this ill-fated community; but, unfortunately, the next night the same thing happened. This time it was impossible to verify whether the soldiers had again shifted the responsibility for the shooting of their comrades upon the shoulders of the luckless civilians or whether some relation of those who had been so ruthlessly executed the night before, being graded into fury, had sought to revenge himself upon his persecutors. The result was the same. The captain made all the notabilities of the village assemble before him, and announced to them that as the first example he had given them had proved insufficient, he found himself obliged to take even more severe measures.

He selected from amongst them twenty men, who were immediately informed that their last hour had come, and that they must perish for the sake of the village. It is possible that this sentence might not have been carried out in its entirety, but in any case it was sufficient to terrify the population. At this moment, however, some of the more courageous inhabitants approached the captain and suggested that he should spare the twenty men until he had held an inquiry into the events which had taken place in order to try and discover who it was that had fired upon the soldiers. The German officer replied that he had no time to waste upon such matters, but added that if the offender would give himself up he should be executed and the twenty should be set at liberty.

A deadly silence followed this announcement, and for some seconds no one moved. Then from amongst the hostages an old priest stepped painfully forward; he was bent with years, and his scant grey hair surrounded his face as composed and tranquil as that of a saint. He advanced towards the captain and quietly said:—  
"It was I who fired."

The officer was not deceived by this self-indulgent, which he knew was untrue. He saw himself about to be forced into condemning an innocent man, and became as pale as death. He hesitated and then said to the cure:—  
"Will you swear that it was really you who fired upon my men?" And the little old priest, without a moment's hesitation, lifted his hand and said:—  
"Yes; it was I. I will swear, I can make no mistake."  
There was nothing further to be done. The officer made a sign and turned upon his heel with lowered eyes.  
This menial of the venerable priest a few minutes later the report of several shots fired in a volley were heard. The flock of Francorchamp were without a shepherd, and justice had been done.

### CHANGING ATTITUDE OF GERMAN SOCIALISTS.

Sharp Criticism of the Government.

"Hindus (by Indirect Route).  
The feelings of German Social Democrats at the present moment, wrote a correspondent to the "Daily Citizen" last month, are quite different from what they were at the beginning of the war. The declaration which the representative of the party has just made in the Prussian Diet is in marked contrast with that made on August 4 by the leader of the Social Democratic Group in the Reichstag. Not only had the matter of the speech taken a different direction but the tone of its delivery was significant.

The speaker used very strong language and bitter criticism which was not at all to the liking of the parties on the right (the Liberals or Conservatives). It must be clearly understood that the great majority of German workmen, as far as can be ascertained at the present moment, are quite willing to give war credits, but this was not the point which had to be discussed in the Prussian Diet. There it was the question of the inner position of Germany. It is true, indeed, that all proposals of the Prussian Government were adopted unanimously, but the representatives of the Socialist Party openly declared their dissatisfaction with the trend of affairs. The speaker strongly protested that the universal suffrage reform which occupied the Prussian Diet was the same in importance as the Home Rule Bill for Ireland does in England, had not been brought before the Prussian Diet. What he asked, was the use of praising the loyalty of the working classes if they are not allowed to vote? It seemed that they were called to make all the sacrifices, to take all the responsibilities.

ASSAULT FOR PEACE.  
The genius of organization which has been shown in the field is quite lacking for the relief of distress. The families of those fighting are saved from starvation themselves by the parties of the State, the municipalities, and especially the agency of private philanthropies, but the greatest distress prevails among the unemployed.  
The increasing difficulties of life are influencing seriously the war feelings among the working classes and increasing the number of those who, with the Social Democrats, are anxious for a speedy peace, but who do not think that peace is possible if new territories are acquired. In that way the influence of those men who in Germany are opposed by any increase of territory, is growing tremendously.

One of the chief enemies of the idea of attempting any increase of territory is Dr. Bethmann-Hollweg, and he has to defend himself lately most vigorously against the attacks of those who would like to make a separate peace with Russia, in order to be strong enough to bring Britain to her knees and to lay hands on her big territories which are not under the British flag.

### A DIARY OF MISERY.

GERMAN OFFICER'S LAST DESPAIRING ENTRIES.

Fierce though the fighting has been for the last week round Ypres, the German effort is not yet exhausted, wrote the special correspondent of the "Daily Mail" on November 13. They have renewed the attack on Neuport, profiting by the fact that a strong southwesterly gale has for two days past prevented the monitors of the British fleet from coming up to bombard their positions to the north of the town. They are fighting furiously to keep their hold on Dinant; they are delivering fierce assaults on the outskirts of "Ypres"; they have thrown back a small force across the Yser.

The unnatural sunshine of this autumn has given place to typical November weather—cold, driving winds, chilly rain, an atmosphere heavy with moisture, horizons veiled in obscure mist. Yet through foul weather as in fine these desperate assaults throw themselves again and again on our lines, selling their weight here and there along it, seeking a gap or a weak obstacle, as a machine rolls down among the skeletons of a battle field.

"The Germans are stronger than we expected; they are more tenacious than expected," said a high Belgian staff officer.  
"Though we have no doubt of the final issue, we have no illusions about the tremendous efforts that will be necessary to achieve it."  
The conditions of weather and wind which the Germans have to endure are clearly shown by captured diaries and letters. A diary found on the dead body of an officer of the 2nd Reserve Regiment at Oud Stuytenskerke deals with the last three days before he was killed, but extracts from it give one a glimpse of the privations which he and his comrades were enduring.

THEY REFUSED TO EAT.  
"We are trying to cross the Yser," he writes, "in face of a violent fire from the enemy. I don't know anything of the general situation; I don't know where the enemy is nor his numbers. Nor can I get any information. We are having heavy losses everywhere out of all proportion to the results obtained. The enemy's artillery is too strong and too well sheltered, and it is not silenced by our weaker artillery, an infantry advance is without effect and only leads to heavy and useless losses. The state of the wounded leaves much to be desired. It is impossible to get regular supplies of food and water."  
"For several days we have not tasted a hot meal. The reserve rations are exhausted. The water is bad and quite green. Men are reduced to the level of a beast."  
Next day he writes: "Nothing but losses: fighting all day." The following day: "Last night there was a terrible storm of wind and rain. I was frozen and stood up all night with water over my feet. Our infantry will be able to do nothing till our artillery has annihilated the guns of the enemy. Our losses must be enormous. Our colonel, major, and many other officers are wounded and several already dead."

THEY WERE KILLED.  
"The 6th Division is ready, but its aid is ineffectual. All the regiments are inextricably mixed. The terrible fire enfilades us on all sides. There are many fractures. It is terrible to be under fire and to know nothing of the enemy or of our own troops. We shall be able to go into cantonments as soon as we expect. We can't keep this up for long. To-night the men who went for food have brought us letters from those we love. What a consolation in the gloomy situation we are in. But we can't strike a light we have lost this one pocket without having read the comforting words, until the morning. We sleep on straw huddled together for warmth."  
Next morning he wrote: "At dawn I read the good wishes sent from home. Our losses must be enormous. Our letters bring some rain. The situation is involved. We cannot think of advancing. That afternoon the officer was killed."

### STEEPLECHASE JOCKEYS FOR THE WAR.

(By "Magpie" in "the Globe")

Khaki is in strong evidence at our race meetings now. People whom one would never have suspected of martial ardour have responded to the call of their country. A few of the steeplechase jockeys and amateur riders (non-military) will be at the front shortly. Dick Morgan, who was one of the first to enlist, hopes to be there soon. I expect his opportunities of riding in public, this time, will be few. Lord Kington, who enlisted at the same time as P. Woodland, has now secured a commission. The average cross-country rider ought to make a magnificent rough-rider. He has, of course, nothing to learn in horsemanship, and is, generally speaking, absolutely without nerves. Many of the best-known rough-riders and chasers in France have fallen victims to German bullets. Flying Loris, the famous French steeplechaser, is reported killed in action. He, with the rest of M. Hennequin's horses, was commandeered at the beginning of the war. Loris, who won the Grand National for M. Hennequin in 1909, and ran third last March, happened to be in England and so has escaped, and will probably be seen at Liverpool again next spring. The Dorset winner, Dorian, who lost the property of Mr. Duxbury, and American citizen, was able to get out of France. The "ghost horse," Trillick III, who finished second in the year's National, was commandeered, but I should imagine he would be too conspicuous to send into action.  
It will, I suppose, take a long while for the blood stock market to recover, if it ever does recover in our time. The competition of foreign buyers has kept up the price of Doncaster and N. market in recent years, and of course there will be few Continental commissioners at the big blood stock sales for a long time to come. Still, as long as racing goes on in England and there are valuable prizes to be won, there ought to be a fair market for the thoroughbred. The December sales at Newmarket are to be held this year as usual.  
There is a bad slump in selling plates just now. Executives of small meetings which depended largely upon surpluses from the sales of it, a winner of the selling events in their programmes must be feeling this acutely. The war is pretty responsible for the slump, but I fancy the lateness of the season also has something to do with it. One of the Alexandra Park winners—Barbar—was bought for considerably more than a "monkey" back in the summer. He was allowed to go for 100g. on Saturday, after winning a race in very easy style. Moreover, I am certain he can be placed to win another race before the season closes.

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### "TWO DISPENSATIONS."

In a certain army corps are two chaplains—a Catholic priest and a Jewish Rabbi. They seemed to be very good friends as well as the best of fellows. One evening they were kept on the battlefield looking after some wounded and found it impossible to get back to the lines.

After looking round, they found an abandoned farm with a single ragged pallet. Here they spent the night, side by side, and as they went to sleep, the priest remarked to the Rabbi: "If there were only a photographer here—the Old and the New Testaments as bed-fellows."

An officer told the writer that the carriage on the Cranage plateau was such that owing to the mass of German corpses, the aviators have now to fly high to avoid the pestilential odour. The same officer narrated the following piece of heroism:—  
After the fighting on September 16th, 1914, an infantry regiment was decimating the village of P., which the Germans were shelling from a higher level. The French troops had to evacuate a large farm, which they called symbolically "Cholera Farm," standing between the two firing lines. In it had been left a number of French wounded. The colonel asked for a volunteer to bring them back over the 300 yards of intervening plain, which was swept continually by the enemy's fire. A cart and horse would be at his disposal.  
For a moment there was silence. Then a simple soldier named Expert stepped out of the ranks, and said, "I'll go." For three days he made his journey to and from "Cholera Farm," alone, putting the wounded in his cart, and taking them, with others whom he picked up on the road, to the ambulance in the rear. He never budged under the storm of the big guns. But on the evening of the third day, his horse was shot. Expert at once stepped into the shafts, and began to drag the cart himself. On the road, however, meeting a carriage belonging to another regiment, he commandeered one of its horses, for the supreme sake of his precious wounded. This was a military offence, and Expert received, almost simultaneously, the military medal for his heroism, and a sentence of 15 days' imprisonment for having taken a horse without authority. Needless to say, he did not serve the term.

### THE GERMAN LIE FACTORY IN SHANGHAI.

An Ostreich-Like Policy.

The Ostasiatischer Lloyd (dubbed the "German Lloyd"), the semi-official German "news" fabricator in Shanghai, is still living up to its notorious reputation, as will be seen from the recent comment by the N. O. Daily News:—  
The Ostasiatischer Lloyd has not disappointed us. As we predicted last Saturday, regard for no contemptible quality as truth has not prevented it from claiming H.M.S. Bulwark as a victim to German submarine. The lie is attended with some pretences of circumstantial legitimacy. Mr. Winston Churchill's statement in the House of Commons was quite clear and categorical; thirdly, because it ought to be apparent by now, even to the Teutonic density which obscures the official fiction of the "German Lloyd," that the British Government does not sell out neutrals about the progress of the war, but deals out news of successes and reverses alike with equal and often disarming impartiality. Will the Germans ever realize, one wonders, the practical wisdom of speaking the truth?

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MEMO. FOR TO-MORROW.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Furniture, etc.,  
at Messrs. Hughes and Bough's.

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, January 1 & 2:  
H.K. Cricket Club 'At Home' to 'Rest  
of League'.

SATURDAY, January 2:  
9.15 p.m.—"Snowwhite and the Frog  
Prince" by the A.D.C. at Theatre  
Royal, in aid of Belgian Relief Fund.

SUNDAY, January 3:  
8 a.m.—Excursion to Macao.

WEDNESDAY, January 6:  
4.30 p.m.—"Snowwhite and the Frog  
Prince" by the A.D.C. at Theatre  
Royal, in aid of Belgian Relief Fund.

SUNDAY, January 10:  
Field Day for Volunteers and Reserves.

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The first means of combating these enemies is therefore, isolation. Directly a soldier is shown to be suffering from any of these diseases he should be separated from his fellows and removed to a place where he can no longer form a centre of contamination. This may seem a counsel of perfection to those who know the conditions prevalent in war-time, but much might be done by careful preparation, and isolation hospitals at the base might well be organized by civilians who are but too apt to think that surgical cases are the only ones worth attention. If it be true, as stated, that the Austrians are already suffering from cholera, no time should be lost in making these preparations, and the service thus rendered to the just cause of the Allies might easily prove more valuable than many more sensational.

The writer next takes up the subject of prevention, which, he reminds us, is proverbially better than cure. First among preventive methods is inoculation, which, in the case of typhoid especially, has been abundantly proved to be effective. Experiment leaves no reasonable doubt on this point and inoculation against typhoid is now compulsory in the armies of several countries. Most of the British officers have voluntarily submitted to it. Then comes careful avoidance of any drinking-water other than that boiled and filtered supplied to the men by the transport and supply service. Nor is the question of clothing to be neglected. The soldier may be trusted to keep himself warm for comfort's sake; but a belt of flannel worn round the skin should also be used as a preventive of intestinal maladies.

"In these matters," says the writer quoted, "the soldier can do much to help himself. There is still the psychological side of the case in which he must depend on a good deal on his officers. A light heart will often carry his owner unscathed through centres of infection which will prove fatal to the mentally depressed, and is one of the most valuable prophylactics known to science."

Hence the officer should do what he can to keep up the spirits of his men, should encourage them to sing, and should take care that they hear any good news which is going by.

By so doing he will be rendering another invaluable service to his country, even if he adds thereby to the cares on his already overburdened shoulders. Fortunately, the natural temperament of Tommy Atkins in war will make his task in this respect a light one.

#### A CHRISTMAS SERMON.

"Keep the Feast."

Preaching at St. John's Cathedral on Christmas morning, from St. Paul's words "Let us keep the feast," the Bishop of Victoria said:

"The shadow of the greatest war in history is over all hearts, and leaves our minds full of little stained to fasting. The flower of our manhood is at this hour wrestling in deadly conflict for all that we hold dear. All that the wisdom and the valor of our fathers has wrought for for a thousand years is at stake. Our fairest hopes, our noblest aspirations hang upon the issue. The magnitude and the gravity of the struggle weigh heavily upon us all."

#### CHRISTMAS DAY IN HOSPITAL.

EXTRACT FROM AN INTERCEPTED LETTER FROM K.A.M.

Xmas Day 1914.

"The best of good wishes to you all, health, happiness and wealth in such measure as may be. I wonder how you are spending Christmas. I had a rotten time last night, thought I should go mad for a time, but just to sleep about midnight, not even realizing it was Christmas Eve, and slept till three. What a blessing that sleep was."

Later, after tea. This has been the most like Christmas of anything I have known for very many years. Everyone is so kind and cheerful. In the night, 3 o'clock, I found a small basket of red-berried holly on my table, a sweetly pretty blazer in Xmas card form and a Japanese calendar. These from the matron and two nurses, are now hanging from the rail at my bed's head.

At 11 o'clock a choir of soldier-men are singing Christmas hymns and carols in the Men's Ward, someone accompanying on the piano. These same soldier-men came up last year too it seems, jolly good of them I call it.

At 10 a.m. Breakfast: buttered toast, eggs and tea for me, also marmalade. My conversation of this ward, a Mrs. B., had someone. She is expecting a new arrival any day and had strict orders last night not to produce it during night or to-day as everyone was very busy and a serious operation on hand.

8.30 Morning prayers. 10 a.m. Cup of delicious chicken broth, just like cream.

Then first visit to operating room for examination, etc., much easier now. Tiffin at noon, turkey and ham with sausages, potatoes, bottled celery and white sauce; then Dr. — himself brought in a huge plum-pudding with a massy-berried branch of holly stuck into its rotund summit.

Ten at 3 p.m. Bread and butter, thin bread and butter, strawberry jam and cake! Mr. B., my neighbour's hubby, is here for tea with Baby No. 1, a darling little girl of sixteen months, who nuzzles all over the place. Her mother found a stocking (one of the sisters) on her pillow with a Japanese doll, a ball and a rattle so "Baby" is as happy as a Prince.

4 p.m. Just had a nightcap, a cup of hot milk. Dinner was at six o'clock: chicken, French beans and potatoes followed by a huge portion of excellent ice-cream. If I don't lose my appetite or get seriously ill from over-eating 'twill be a miracle! I forgot to mention sweets, fruit, crackers, etc., which have been incidentally all afternoon.

The matron fixed up my lamentation herself to-night and I'm feeling awfully well, especially when I keep quite still. I had a tiny handkerchief tucked from the Hospital Xmas-tree. It was really Dr. —'s baby's top. I think, but there were presents for the patients on it, and old little fellow of ten who was taken in to see it when asked by the sister on coming back to the ward how he liked the Christmas tree had only one word to express all he felt. That word was: "Oh —" but it spoke volumes.

Dr. —'s "baby" is a darling, about three years old with long fair hair, big blue eyes and a lovely skin. When she came in with the matron I asked her what her name was. She looked at me solemnly for a second or two and then said: "I'm Mrs. —'s baby."

There has been a heavy fog up here all day. I believe down below it took the form of rain. I hope it has not damped your enjoyment, and that you have, all of you, had as happy a day as I have. You cannot imagine the relief it is to feel one need not worry about a single thing. I do wish Mr. — could come up here for his operation, the rest and change would do him worlds of good.

Visiting days are Tuesday, Friday and Sunday from 3.30 to 5 p.m., but it is an awfully long way to ask anyone to come and what with richies, tram, and chairs is quite expensive. I make it at least £1.50 for one person. Anyhow I shall be very glad to see you if one or both can come.

By the way, there is a ten days' old baby in a ward near by. It was unhappy all night and sister said, had to be carried every minute. I asked her about 5.30 a.m. what was wrong, and she said: "Plum-pudding."

Good-bye, write me a line soon, love to all from

K.A.M.

5 p.m. Good night, "Lights out."

P.S.—8 p.m. Boxing Day. To-day has been just as nice as yesterday.

P.S.—No. 2, 27th Dec, 1914, 10 a.m. I haven't said a word about our ward; it is just lovely. A long, high room with white ceiling and wood-work, pale blue walls and polished floor. There are four French windows on each side, opening out to a closed-in tiled verandah, as do also the wide double glass doors, each one. In the centre is a lovely tiled stove quite the nicest I have ever seen for it is really two open fires back to back, the whole thing is about 3ft. 6in. square and the same height, dark green

#### NEWS OF THE DAY.

##### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

It is reported that the Kaiser has ordered all Mohammedan soldiers of the Allies' armies who have been captured by the Germans to be sent to Constantinople to serve in the Turkish army.

Mr. Wood this morning at the Mag's, sentenced a Chinese passenger on board the s.s. "Kingshan," to six months imprisonment and four hours' stocks for pickpocketing. On the voyage from Canton to Hongkong the defendant cut out the pocket of a comrade. The pocket contained 57.

That crime in Hongkong, notably petty larcenies, is on the decrease has been evidenced many times in the last few months, by the short police calendar. In the Central District on Christmas Eve there were three charges brought to the Station, on Christmas Day only one arrest was made, and during the last two days there were only seven arrests. In other districts there has been a corresponding reduction on the number of cases brought before the Lower Courts.

Sir Walter Gilbey, one of the founders of the firm of W. and A. Gilbey, Limited, wine and spirit merchants, died at his residence, Elsenham Hall, Elsenham, Essex, on November 12. Sir Walter, who had been ill for some time, was born in 1831. He began life in an estate agent's office, and was afterwards in a Parliamentary agent's office in Westminster. Subsequently he volunteered for services in the Army Pay Department in the Crimea, and on return to England founded the firm which he has since made famous.

#### CANTON ITEMS.

(By Our Canton Correspondent.)

CANTON, Dec. 25.

Mr. Tam Hogg Hang, Sept. of the River Conservancy Board, arrived in Canton on the 18th inst. by gunboat Pao Pao. Since then he has been in constant consultation with the various officials who are interested in the taking of suitable steps to prevent disastrous floods on the West River in the future. Plans are now being formulated to have the river thoroughly surveyed and a scheme for proper dyking and dredging is to be presented. Great hopes are entertained that these most lamentable overflows may be brought into subjection.

By the order of the Board of Communication, Mr. R. H. Thompson, Supt. of the Pao Pao and the Canton-Kowloon Railway, has been transferred to the Ling Shing by. He departed for his new post on the 24th inst. by special car. He has been a very popular official, and hundreds of workmen assembled at Tai Tai station to bid him farewell. The railway is being filled temporarily by Mr. Watson, Manager of the Railway Shop.

Four special officials have been sent to Kwang Tung by the Peking Financial Board to investigate an alleged mismanagement of the revenues derived from the taxes on liquors, tobacco, and other things. The gentlemen arrived in Canton on the 23rd inst., and have already consulted with many officials, both native and foreign.

The Central Government, at Peking, has also sent Mr. Ting Yen, of the Salt Administration, to investigate and report upon the pauper tax in Kwang Tung. It seems as though we are having a small avalanche of inspectors sent to us from Peking. If they all do their duty well we may hope for great improvement in the local government.

#### GENERAL BARNARDISTON.

##### Farewell Message to Japan.

Before bringing his official visit to a close on Friday last, says the "N. O. Close News" of the 25th inst., Brigadier-General Barnardiston sent out, through the Kokura Tanshinba, the following farewell message to the Japanese Press and public:

"I cannot leave Japan without expressing, to as many as it is possible to reach through the medium of the Press, my deep appreciation of the warmth of the welcome which has been given to me and officers of my staff in Japan, and also my wife and daughter. I desire to take this means of thanking all those who were so good as to come and greet us, and also the kind donors of the beautiful presents which we have received, all of which we value greatly."

We regret that we cannot remain longer in this lovely land, of which we carry so many pleasant recollections. I am convinced that the news of the enthusiastic reception with which we have been honoured will go far towards strengthening the Alliance between our two nations and will result in the preservation of peace and the advance of civilization in the East."

K.A.M.

In colour, with tiled hearth and fender at each end facing the door; the top is quite flat and is also of tiles, as I write it is loaded with vases of lovely chrysanthemums some white, some of a wonderful golden bronze; in the centre is a palm. The quietest thing about this stove is that through the grates are absolutely open it has no visible chimney. There must be, in the centre between the two fires, a short upward draught sufficient to cause a downward draught, the smoke then passing under the door and into the main chimney. There are eight beds in this ward, only three of which are occupied just now but on the floor's side I believe they are full up, also some of the special wards. Everything is so bright and clean and there is such a lovely spirit pervading the whole place that it is a perfect oasis in the desert of life—so to speak—to be here.

K.A.M.

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#### SPORTING.

##### BOXING DAY GAMES.

###### CRICKET.

AN ALL-DAY FIXTURE. The Hongkong Club and the United Services played an all-day match on Saturday on the Club ground, the victory easily going to the home eleven. Mass and Anderson were in exceptionally good fettle, the former scoring 73 and the latter 61. The bowling of the Services was of inferior quality, and allowed the Club's batsmen every opportunity to multiply the score.

Details:—

CLUB.		SERVICES.	
T. E. Pearce, c. Robertson, b. Sayer	34	S. S. Moore, c. Robertson, b. Fulton	30
R. Kennedy, b. Sayer	10	R. Hancock, c. Robertson, b. Scargill	24
P. S. Leigh-Bennett, c. Cromie, b. Sayer	6	M. M. Alas, c. Mathews, b. Waco	74
M. M. Alas, c. Mathews, b. Waco	74	R. N. Anderson, b. Mathews	61
R. P. Thursfield, c. Mathews, b. Sayer	10	R. E. Reed, b. Sayer	9
R. E. Reed, b. Sayer	9	R. E. O. Bird, c. Mass, b. Sayer	0
D. E. Donnelly, not out	22	D. E. Donnelly, not out	22
Extras	4	Extras	4
Total	127	Total	127

Scargill bowled once on ball, Mathews two wides, and Stokes and Waco one wide each.

UNITED SERVICES. Sayer, not out, 37. Waco, b. Bird, 11. Mathews, b. Anderson, 11. Mathews, b. Waco, b. Anderson, 11. Cromie, c. Pearce, b. Anderson, 18. Cromie, c. Pearce, b. Anderson, 18. Scargill, c. Anderson, b. Reed, 0. French, run out, 1. Fulton, b. Reed, 8. Extras, 8. Total, 88.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bird	15	7	26	1
Anderson	16	4	35	0
Donnelly	6	2	12	2
Reed	5	0	12	2

UNITED SERVICES (END INNOVATIONS). Pearce, c. Anderson, b. Sayer, 21. Waco, c. and b. Pearce, 4. Roupel, b. Reed, 4. Munro, c. Hancock, b. Bird, 1. Sayer, c. Anderson, b. Reed, 1. Robertson, not out, 20. Stokes, not out, 2. Extras, 2. Total (for 5 wickets), 63. Cromie, Scargill, French, and Fulton did not bat.

KOWLOON C. CHAMBERLAIN. Kowloon C. C. entertained Chingchow C. C. on Saturday, when the home eleven won with a handsome margin. The visitors apparently found the bowling much too difficult for them. Scores:

KOWLOON. W. L. Weaver, c. Carvalho, 3. De Foyth, c. Carvalho, b. Southerton, 2. L. Blackburn run out, 2. W. T. Elson, c. Carvalho, 4. H. Overy, c. Carvalho, 0. J. R. Robinson, c. Vivash, b. Braga, 24. K. R. Macaskill, b. McLennan, 19. L. M. Wray, c. Carvalho, 11. A. G. Pitt, c. McLennan, 2. J. R. Macaskill, c. Carvalho, 20. A. E. Silkestone, not out, 1. Extras, 4. Total, 112.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Carvalho	8.9	0	26	5
Southerton	6	1	18	1
McLennan	7	0	42	2
J. V. Briggs	7	1	21	1

CHAMBERLAIN. J. M. Aaron, b. Blackburn, 13. W. H. Vivash, c. Mead, b. Blackburn, 2. R. Southerton, b. Blackburn, 0. R. Bass, c. Macaskill, b. Blackburn, 2. R. A. Carvalho, c. Whyte, b. Weaver, 1. J. V. Briggs, c. Robinson, b. Weaver, 4. J. A. Zealand, b. Weaver, 0. K. Ebbett, b. Weaver, 0. K. McLennan, b. Blackburn, 0. J. C. Finch, not out, 0. Extras, 6. Total, 54.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Weaver	8	1	24	4
Blackburn	8.1	2	23	0
Overy	1	0	1	0

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL. A Draw Between Services and "The Rest."

The match between the United Services and "The Rest" was of a particularly holiday description, though occasional spurts at good play gave the game an added interest. The result was a goal-less draw. The Services claimed the advantage in the initial stages and soon had several exciting experiences. The left wing was especially dangerous. Eventually the truce was relieved and "The Rest" dashed away to deliver a vigorous onslaught. Fennimore beat down the attack and the Services then forged ahead against a powerful defence. The Services might have had one up early in the second half if their centre forward had scored a shot at point blank range instead of kicking wildly over the bar. The Rest also had hard luck when one shot grazed the angle of the goal. Hopper, for the Services, lunged a terrific shot at Swan which the goalkeeper snatched directed out of danger. Towards the conclusion of the game, both elevens exerted efforts in a determination to score but the defence proved too strong for the forwards.

K.A.M.

THE CHILDREN'S COLDS.

WATCH the children's colds and cures when they are so common. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the perfect cure for all these ailments, and is sold by all chemists and druggists. For sale by all Chemists and Druggists.

#### SPORTING.

##### RUGBY.

###### "THE REST" DEFEAT "ENGLAND."

At the Happy Valley on Saturday afternoon "The Rest" defeated "England," by 16 points (one dropped goal and four tries) to nil. Through-out "The Rest" had the best of the exchanges and their combination was much the superior. The backs did a fair share of attacking and more than once "The Rest" were outmanoeuvred. Campbell, of Devon county fame, scored and Ralston, formerly of Glasgow "Varsity," dropped a goal. The collection, which would have been much greater but for the inclement nature of the weather, was devoted to the War Relief Fund.

##### HOLIDAY GOLF.

###### Mixed Foursomes at Fanning.

Despite stormy skies and a fine rain which now and again developed into a heavy shower, nearly a hundred followers of the Royal and Ancient game went out on the morning of Boxing Day to Fanning to watch or participate in the Royal Hongkong Golf Club mixed foursomes medal competition, which was decided over the eighteen hole course. Fortunately the weather cleared somewhat in the afternoon, and one of the most popular competitions of the kind organised by the club was played under what were after all fairly good conditions.

Thirty-seven couples entered, and of these only five were absent. To handicap such a large number of mixed games was no easy task for the committeemen, but the close judgments proved the excellence of their judgment. For prizes on handicap play and a hidden number award were competed for, honours going to Mr. Kelly and Captain Heath with 104-129-92. Mrs. Turner and Mr. Parr scored the same net points, their handicap allowance being 16, and tied for first place.

The tie was decided by two holes played under match conditions, the first being halved in six, and the second going to Mrs. Kelly and Capt. Heath in 5, against their opponents' 6. The first pair received a silver clock and cigarette case respectively, while Mrs. Turner won a silver bracelet. Mrs. Stain Stewart, playing with Mr. Carey, took third prize, a silver scent bottle, with a score of 98-5-93, and the fourth, two clubs, was divided between Miss Wilkinson and Mrs. D. Gordon with scores of 104-10-94 and 118-24-0 respectively.

The hidden number was 111, the prize going to Mrs. T. E. Pearce and Mr. Bowler after they had played off a tie against Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Carleton. A list of the cards is appended:—  
Miss Kelly and Capt. Heath, 104-129-92.  
Mrs. Turner and Mr. Parr, 104-129-92.  
Miss Stain Stewart and Mr. Carey, 98-5-93.  
Miss Wilkinson and Mr. D. Gordon, 104-10-94.  
Loughlin, 118-24-0.  
Mrs. N. E. Smith and Mr. Smith, 110-21-95.  
Mrs. MacDougall and Mr. MacDougall, 114-102-85.  
Mrs. Gedge and Mr. Gedge, 100-3-87.  
Mrs. Baker-Brown and Mr. Baker-Brown, 110-12-98.  
Miss Ritchie and Mr. Ritchie, 114-10-99.  
Mrs. Pearce and Mr. Bowler, 120-10-100.  
Miss Alex. Gordon and Mr. Gordon, 120-22-101.  
Miss Caldwell and Mr. Caldwell, 121-119-102.  
Mrs. Gole and Mr. Gole, 114-11-103.  
Mrs. B. Hancock and Mr. Hancock, 122-10-103.  
Mrs. Bernard and Mr. Bernard, 122-19-103.  
Mrs. Rayner and Mr. Rayner, 125-5-103.  
Miss Cunningham and Mr. Cunningham, 113-12-103.  
Mrs. Mainland and Mr. Mainland, 129-27-104.  
Mrs. Moxon and Mr. Moxon, 100-3-104.  
Mrs. Harvey and Mr. Harvey, 125-21-107.  
Mrs. Ray and Mr. Ray, 124-26-104.  
Mrs. Bewick and Mr. Bewick, 127-19-108.  
Miss M. Rodger and Mr. Rodger, 125-15-110.  
Mrs. Pearce and Mr. Bowler, 120-19-111.  
Mrs. Carleton and Mr. Carleton, 133-21-111.  
Mrs. Wolfe and Mr. Jackson, 135-22-112.  
Mrs. Baker-Brown and Mr. Baker-Brown, 141-27-114.  
Mrs. Butlin and Mr. Hay, 127-22-115.

ATTITUDES OF NEUTRAL COUNTRIES.

New York, November 27. A general forecast prevails to the effect that Italy, who professes neutrality, is nurturing intense ill-feeling against Austria and Germany and will take up arms about January next in the cause of the Allied Forces.

Bulgaria, who was once rumored to aid Germany and Austria under the seductive influence of Germany, seems to have become abruptly disillusioned and assumed a neutral attitude, to the bitter disappointment of Germany. This was chiefly due to Italy's good offices.

Sweden's attitude towards Germany deserves close following and the seems to value highly the good will of Germany. Rumania is expected to make common cause with the Triple Alliance.

Appearance suggest that a defensive Alliance has been concluded between Sweden and Norway.—"Manchester Daily News."

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## BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## THE PROGRESS OF THE WAR.

## A "NOVEL COMBAT" IN THE NORTH SEA.

## CRUISERS, SUBMARINES AND AIRCRAFT IN ACTION.

## LATEST NEWS FROM THE VARIOUS FRONTS.

## A "NOVEL COMBAT" IN THE NORTH SEA.

LONDON, Dec. 27, 10.45 p.m.  
The Admiralty announces that seven naval seaplanes, at daylight on Christmas Day, attacked the German warships lying in Schilling Roads, off Cuxhaven.

The seaplanes were escorted by a light cruiser and a Destroyer force with submarines.

Two German Zeppelins, four seaplanes and several submarines attacked the British Squadron, whereupon a novel combat ensued between the most modern cruisers against the enemy's aircraft and submarines.

(The rest of this telegram is not yet to hand.—Ed.)

## BRITISH AVIATORS BUSY.

LONDON, Dec. 28, 1.05 a.m.  
The "Lokal Anzeiger" states that four British airmen dropped bombs on the island of Langeoog on Christmas Day.

## THE STRUGGLE IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM.

LONDON, Dec. 26, 1.33 a.m.  
The Paris official evening communiqué states:—We have made a slight advance from Neuport. An attack by the enemy at Notre Dame-de-Lorette, north of Lens, was repulsed. We captured another trench this morning near Puisseleine and held the ground, notwithstanding several counter-attacks. The enemy last night made made vigorous but unsuccessful attacks in the Vosges at Tete-de-Faux.

6.15 p.m.  
To-day's Paris communiqué says:—There has been cannonading from the sea to Lys, but snow and fog interfered with the operations. We repulsed, between the Lys and the Oise, counter-attacks on Noulette-Boiselles, and Libons. One trench was lost and recaptured. We learn that a very strong German attack was repulsed at Chirzy. Northwest of Soignies our artillery silenced batteries which were bombarding the trenches we recently captured. Two strong counter-attacks were repulsed on Thursday night.

There were fresh counter-attacks yesterday at Perthes. They were particularly violent along a front of 1,500 metres, being executed by important effectives, but they were completely checked. There is nothing to report in the Ardennes and between the Meuse and Moselle. We made appreciable progress in Upper Alsace, where we reached, in front of Ceroy, the edge of the woods on the hills westward of the town. We maintained our positions. We occupy the outskirts of Aspach despite counter-attacks.

LONDON, Dec. 27.  
The Paris evening communiqué says there is nothing important to report from any part of the front.

HAVAS Telegram, Dec. 26, 6.50 a.m.  
We maintained energetically the conquered ground, checking the enemy's artillery and repulsing all attacks and counter-attacks. We made progress in Upper Alsace, notably between Cernay.

A Zeppelin flew over Nancy and dropped fourteen bombs, killing two people and wounding two.

A German aeroplane attempting to fly over London was chased. Five German aeroplanes "bombed" Sokkathof, killing eight and wounding hundreds of people.

Fierce fighting is in progress at Piliça.

The battle south of the Vistula is favourable to the Russians.

An Italian force has landed at Valona.

Another British submarine penetrated the Dardanelles and, after exploding mines and blocking up the entrance, returned safely.

(French Government Telegram via Peking.)

The 25th inst. was a calm day from the sea to the river Lys, and the Allies made some progress in the sand dunes. Elsewhere there was slight cannonading.

Between the Lys and the Oise the French troops repulsed several counter-attacks.

At Noulette, near Lens, they destroyed two German armoured guns, and north of Albert and at Libons-trenches taken from the enemy were lost and re-taken.

At Vermeilles, between the Oise and the Aisne a German trench was captured. The Germans attacked at Nampool, but failed and were repulsed. At Vermeilles in the Aisne valley, the Germans made strenuous efforts to retake lost trenches but failed, and a similar effort in the Perthes region was also fruitless, the enemy sustaining very heavy losses.

In Upper Alsace the French army has made excellent progress, and now holds the heights overlooking Carspach, three kilometres west of Altkirch, and also the outskirts of Aspach and the wood situated west of Senneméin-Cernay.

## A HOSTILE AEROPLANE OVER SHEERNESS.

LONDON, Dec. 25, 11.45 p.m.  
The War Office announces that a hostile aeroplane was sighted at 12.30 this afternoon flying very high, east to west, over Sheerness. Aircraft ascended in pursuit and engaged the enemy, who, after being hit three or four times, was driven off seawards.

## THE ISLAND OF SAGHALIN.

LONDON, Dec. 26.  
A Washington message states that the Japanese Embassy has received official advice that Russia has ceded to Japan its half of the island of Saghalin in return for heavy guns.

The other half of the island was ceded to Japan at the end of the Russo-Japanese war.

## THE REPORT OFFICIALLY DENIED.

PERMAGAN, via London, Dec. 27, 5.50 p.m.  
The report of the capture of Russian Saghalin is officially and emphatically denied.

## BY TELEGRAPH.

## THE FIGHTING IN THE EASTERN THEATRE.

## THE TSAR AT THE FRONT.

LONDON, Dec. 27, 10 p.m.  
Reuter's Petrograd correspondent telegraphs that the Tsar has arrived at the front.

## AUSTRIANS IN FULL RETREAT.

10,000 Prisoners.

Dec. 27, 10 p.m.  
A Petrograd communiqué states that fighting has been mostly in the nature of artillery duels. In the Rawka-Bura region the Germans attacked, but were successfully repelled.

We dislodged the enemy on the Lower Drina from the village of Vialica. The Austrians made an obstinate resistance, and endeavoured to entrench, but we drove them across the river. We also defeated and pushed back the Austrians from the line Tachow-Olpiay, where the enemy abandoned ten quick firing guns, and we took 43 officers and over 2,500 men. We continued to pursue the Austrians, who fled in disorder, and captured eight more quick firing guns and a thousand men.

We occupied the left bank of the Biala near Siedlexka, and also defeated the Austrians on the Zimrod Duka line on Christmas Day. The enemy were in full retreat during the battles here, the Austrians suffering enormous loss in casualties and 10,000 prisoners.

## RUSSIAN DESTROYERS BOMBED TURKISH VILLAGES.

Russian destroyers in the Black Sea bombarded the coast and villages south of Batoum where Turkish troops were concentrated. Four fully-laden feluccas were sunk.

## RUSSIA'S GREAT VICTORIES.

(Official Telegrams from the British Foreign Office.)

The Russian Headquarters report that the operations yesterday were favourable to the Russians on all fronts. The most conspicuous success was on the rivers Nida and Dunajetz, and in the Carpathians. Between the lower Vistula and Piliza, the Germans concentrated their efforts to cross Bzura and Rawka, with a view to advancing on Skoczimice. The Russian counter-attacks drove back the enemy across the river to their old positions, and inflicted enormous losses. In the region of Skoczimice alone 1,000 dead Germans were counted. The Russians made progress in the region of Opocz.

In Galicia, South of the Vistula, the Russians captured, on 20th and 21st, 65 officers and 3,600 men, 3 guns, and 10 machine-guns. In the Carpathians, during the retreat of the Austrians, the Russians captured a further 30 officers and 1,500 men.

Near Przemyśl a fresh attempt at a sortie by the Austrians was defeated. Advance guards of the enemy were annihilated.

## RUSSIANS INFLICT CONSIDERABLE LOSSES.

LONDON, Dec. 26, 2.45 a.m.  
A Petrograd official announcement states that there is no change to report on the whole front on the left bank of the Vistula and in Galicia. The Germans, on the 25th inst. and all the next day, delivered attacks chiefly in the region of Sochaczew and Bolimow, but all were repulsed. Fighting continues on the bank of the Piliza. During the development of our offensive on the spurs of the Carpathians two regiments crossed the Jasloka, wading to their waists in icy water, and under a murderous fire dislodged the Austrians from their positions with the bayonet, and captured 154 prisoners.

10.15 p.m.  
A Petrograd communiqué says that the general position on the left bank of the Vistula shows no essential change. The fighting between the lower Vistula and the Piliza was less desperate, except in the region adjacent to the Piliza, where there was violent fighting day and night. The fighting with the Austrians in the lower Nida was of the same desperate character. We took 68 officers and 4,000 men in the fighting on Thursday. The whole of the front in Galicia is favourable to the Russian arms.

LONDON, Dec. 26, 6.15 p.m.  
A Paris communiqué says:—The Russians have inflicted considerable losses on the enemy at Bzura, while the battles northward, although obstinately contested, are proceeding under conditions favourable to the Russians.

## ENORMOUS NUMBER OF PRISONERS IN RUSSIA.

LONDON, Dec. 25, 8.35 p.m.  
A Petrograd message states that the number of German prisoners in Russia on the 23rd inst. was 1,140 officers and 191,737 men. The Austrian prisoners in Russia total 3,186 officers and 221,447 men.

## GERMANS DEFEATED AT BZURA.

Russians Gaining Ground.

LONDON, Dec. 26, 6.35 p.m.  
A message from Amsterdam says that to-night's Berlin communiqué makes an important admission. It says:—We have ceased our attacks of Bzura, and the other passages indicate that the Russians are taking the ground.

## THE FIGHTING IN GALICIA.

LONDON, Dec. 27.  
A telegram from Amsterdam says that an Austrian communiqué states that the Russians in Galicia have continued the offensive which they recently began, and have re-captured, with superior forces, Krosnojeslo. The Austrians re-captured the Krak Pass after four days' fighting. The situation in the Balkans is quiet.

## THE AIRSHIPS IN ACTION.

German Dirigible Drops Bombs At Nancy.

Allies Bomb Aviation Sheds.

LONDON, Dec. 27, 5.50 p.m.  
A Communiqué says a German dirigible dropped ten bombs on Nancy, in the middle of the town, without there being any military grounds for doing so. Our aeroplanes, on the contrary, bombed aviation sheds at Frescati and one of the stations at Metz where movements of trains had been reported. Also on the barracks at St. Privat.

At Metz our troops made further progress in Upper Alsace on the heights which dominate Cernay and repulsed several attacks in this region.

A dirigible dropped ten bombs between St. Privat and Metz.

## AN EGYPTIAN GIFT.

A hospital train has been placed at the disposal of the military authorities in Egypt through the generosity of the Egyptian Red Crescent Society, which contributed \$1,000 to this end.

## BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## ALBANY.

LONDON, Dec. 28.  
The Bersaglieri regiment lands at Valona tomorrow to replace the blue-jackets.

## CHINESE WOMAN BEFORE THE MAGISTRATE.

Before Mr. Wood at the Magistracy this afternoon, a Chinese woman, named Chun Fung Kam, was charged with the theft of an iron bedstead, a mattress, several articles of clothing and \$230 in money, the total value amounting to \$470.

Mr. Dixon, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Frith, prosecuted, and defendant was unrepresented.

Wong (Chin), the master of a trading junk plying between Hongkong and Tai Ping, said the woman had lived with him at 17, Pokfulam Road, 1, Centre Street, and at a dwelling above the Man Fuk Lot, Queen's Road West. He had given her jewellery to the value of about \$200. On December 18th he collected \$230, put it in a box and sent it home by a coolie. He left Hongkong on the following day. The woman was in the house at Pokfulam Road when he left and the money was in the box in charge of the defendant. He told defendant that he had the money. On returning to the house on December 23, he noticed that the bedstead, mattress, the box containing the money and clothing and the defendant had all gone.

In a statement, defendant admitted taking everything, except the money.

The defendant said she had taken the things as Wong had not given her money with which to purchase food, and she had also paid the rent. The \$230 she did not have. The jewellery was taken away by Wong's wife, who took the bangles from her (accused's) wrists by force, and went to Macao.

Mr. Wood said he thought the room had been furnished for defendant and she might have had a very hazy idea of what were her rights in the matter. He did not believe the story of the \$230, and thought justice would be met if he discharged the woman and made an order for the return of the goods to the complainant.

## HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

Corps Orders by Lieut.-Col. A. Chapman, V.D.

REINFORCEMENTS.  
Gunner C. F. Young is permitted to resign dated 24.12.14.

GUARDIAN.  
The Orderly Sergeant is to see that a list of the names of the N.C.O. and men on duty is placed in the Orderly Room each day.

## PARADES.

Parades for Tuesday 29th instant.  
5.00 p.m. Musketry Instruction on Kennedy Road Range for the following Regiments—Scouts Company—Ptes. N. J. Austin, D. C. Boddell, A. J. Denys, C. Edgumbe, J. Gibb, B. Kennedy (No. 1569) R. T. Barton, A. Keith and C. Woodhead, Sgt. Major Colley D.O.L.I. will attend.

5.15 p.m. Nos. 1 and 2 Sections Artillery and Left Section M. G. Co. 10 p.m. drill at Headquarters.

Remainder, Musketry and Bayonet Exercises under Co. Officers.

## DETAIL.

Orderly Officer, Lieut. Danby.

Orderly Sergeant, Corp. E. H. Reed.

To furnish Guard to-night, Scouts Company.

To furnish Guard to-morrow, No. 2 Section Artillery.

The death occurred on the 23rd inst. of Mr. E. H. de St. Croix at his residence, 35 Sunda Road, Shanghai. His death was sudden, occurring after only two days' illness.

Mr. St. Croix was the son of a former Deputy Commissioner of Customs, and joined the Service at Shanghai in 1891. He had been stationed at various places, principally in South China, and eventually was appointed as first Assistant at Shanghai, where he has served for a number of years, becoming very well-known and esteemed.

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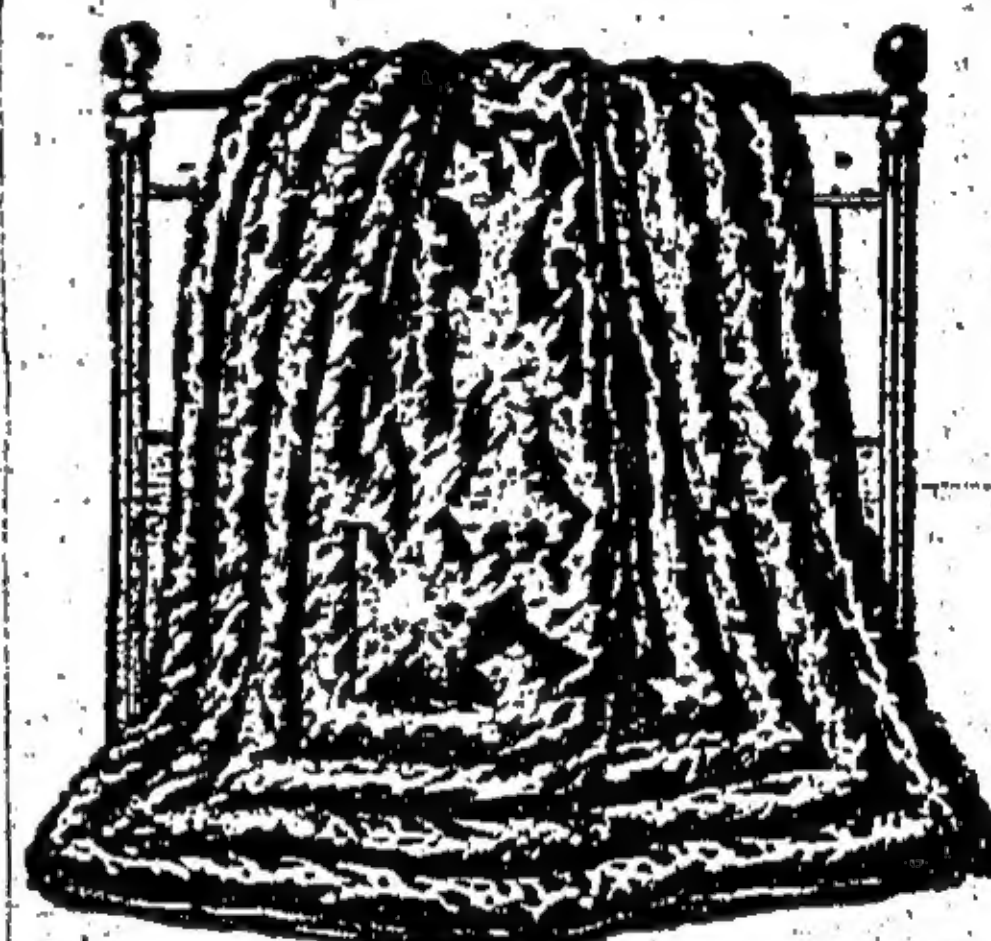
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1 do	Scotch Whisky,	Quart	
2 do	St. Julien Claret,	Quart	
1 do	Vino de Porto Sherry,	Quart	
1 do	Peppermint, G.F.,	Small	
1 do	D.O.M.,	Small	
1 do	Old Tom Gin,	Quart	
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## No. 2 Hamper.

1 bottle	Victor Cluquet Champagne,	Quart	
1 do	Martell's XXX Brandy,	Quart	
1 do	Perfection Whisky,	Quart	
2 do	Rich Old Port,	Quart	
2 do	St. Julien Claret,	Quart	
1 do	Vino de Porto Sherry,	Quart	
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## No. 3 Hamper.

1 bottle	Burgundy,	Quart	
1 do	Peppermint,	Small	
1 do	D.O.M.,	Small	
2 do	Rich Old Port,	Quart	
2 do	Perfection Whisky,	Quart	
1 do	20 years old Brandy,	Quart	
1 do	Amontillado Sherry,	Quart	
2 do	Medoc Claret,	Quart	
1 do	Old Tom Gin,	Quart	
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2 bottles	Perfection Whisky,	Quart	
2 do	Medoc Claret,	Quart	
2 do	Port,	Quart	
1 do	Rich Old Port,	Quart	
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1. It is hereby notified that during the continuance of the War all outgoing correspondence must be posted at the General Post Office or at any of its Branch Offices.  
2. Ship's Officers are strictly forbidden to receive on board their vessels any correspondence from the Public.  
3. Shipmasters are not allowed to place or expose on board their vessels letter boxes for the purpose of collecting correspondence; all such boxes found exposed on board their vessels will be removed and returned to the General Post Office.  
4. Shipping Companies must not receive from the Public, for inclusion in their ships' papers, any but bona fide consignees' letters which should be left open for inspection when required.  
5. Shipping Companies should state in their notifications to the Post Office the exact hour of departure of their vessels in order that the public may have every facility for posting at the General Post Office.  
6. Shipping Companies and Ship's Officers must send to the Post Office ALL correspondence except bona fide consignees' letters posted in the Ships Letter Boxes or received by Ship Officers at the ports from which they sailed, or anywhere en route to Hongkong.  
7. The above regulations will not affect the licensed Private Letter Boxes carried between Hongkong and Canton by the vessels belonging to or managed by the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamship Co.  
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Correspondence (including parcels) is being despatched as opportunity offers; but all services are irregular and uncertain and all correspondence is liable to delay.  
The Parcel Post Service to France is suspended until further notice.  
The Parcel Post and insured letter systems to Brazil is suspended.  
Notice is given that although every possible precaution is taken to secure the safety of all postal packets whilst in the custody of the Post Office the Postmaster-General cannot give compensation for any loss or damage which may be due to the act of the King's enemies. Until further notice no Letters, Boxes, Parcels for Belgium, Brazil, Crete or Montenegro and no Letters, Boxes or Parcels for Malta can be accepted for insurance.  
The Parcel Post Service to the United Kingdom is in full working order in both directions by the long sea route.  
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The services to Germany, Austria, and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.  
Unregistered Letters and Postcards may now be sent to Tientsin.  
NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS.  
On Friday the 1st and Saturday the 2nd January, the Post Office will be open from 9 to 4 a.m.  
In the event of the arrival of the English Mail from Europe, the Post Office will be open for one hour for the delivery thereof. There will be one delivery of ordinary correspondence and one collection of letters carried as on Sunday.  
There will be a delivery of registered correspondence during the morning of the 2nd Jan.  
The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the holidays.  
Mails will close for:-  
SWATOW.  
Per Huanmetai, at 9 a.m., on Tuesday, the 29th Dec.  
SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA, JAPAN Via MOJI, VICTORIA, B.C., YACOMA & UNITED KINGDOM Via G.A.A.D.  
(Europe via Siberia).  
Per Shikoku Maru, Registration 0.30 a.m. Letters 11 a.m., on Tuesday, the 29th Dec.  
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCOW.  
Per Anha, at 3 p.m., on Tuesday, the 29th Dec.  
STRAITS, CEYLON & INDIA Via BOMBAY.  
Per Lavin Maru, at 4 p.m., on Tuesday, the 29th Dec.  
STRAITS, COLOMBO, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MARSEILLES & UNITED KINGDOM.  
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SWATOW.  
Per Haiman, at 1 p.m., on Wednesday, the 30th Dec.  
SHANGHAI & NORTH CHINA.  
(Europe via Siberia).  
Per Arctida, at 9 a.m., on Friday, the 1st Jan.  
(Tientsin-Pukow, Service Shanghai Brit. P.O., Monday, 4th Jan.)  
PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, NEW ZEALAND Via PORT DARWIN & NEW GUINEA Via THURSDAY ISLAND.  
Per Chengshu, at 11 a.m., on Friday, the 8th Jan.

SAIGON, STRAITS, BURMAH, CEYLON, ADELAIDE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT & EUROPE.  
Per Nara, on Tuesday, the 29th Dec.  
Registration, with late fee of 10 cents up to 11.00 a.m.  
Registration, Kowloon P.O., 9.30 a.m. Letters at 11 a.m.  
Late Letters 11 a.m. to noon. Extra Postage 10 cents.  
Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.

SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA, JAPAN Via NAGASAKI, HONOLULU, UNITED STATES, CANADA Via SAN FRANCISCO.  
Per Gloria, on Tuesday, the 29th Dec.  
Registration at 10.30 a.m. Letters at 11 a.m.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY. HONGKONG DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

DECEMBER 28, 1914.—A.M.

Table with 5 columns: Station, Hour, Barometer at Sea Level, Temperature, Humidity, Wind Direction, Force, Weather. It provides weather data for various stations in Hong Kong.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

Hongkong Observatory Dec. 28, 1914.  
1. BAROMETER, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.  
2. THERMOMETER, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.  
3. THERMOMETER, in promontory of observation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture before 12.  
4. WIND, by direction according to Beaufort's Scale.  
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Table with 2 columns: Temperature, and a list of temperatures for various locations including Hong Kong, Shanghai, and others.

To-day's Advertisements

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL. VISA OF PASSPORTS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all American citizens intending to travel in Italy, France and French colonies, and Germany must possess Passports and all Passports must be issued by the Consular or diplomatic representatives of the respective countries. It is advisable also that American Travellers to other European countries should have Passports properly vised.  
GEORGE E. ANDERSON,  
American Consul General.  
Hongkong, December 28, 1914. 1340

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES CONSOLIDATION ACT 1908.  
AND  
IN THE MATTER OF NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LTD.  
(In Liquidation)  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Fifth Report of CAETI & Co., Liquidators of the National Bank of China, Ltd. (Hongkong Branch) per Share will be made on and after WEDNESDAY, the 30th day of December, 1914, to registered holders of A and B Shares upon application to the Liquidators.  
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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on TUESDAY, the 5th January, 1915, commencing at 2.30 p.m. at their SALES ROOMS, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street:-  
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Hongkong, Dec. 28, 1914. 1339

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The M.M. Co.'s str. Dumbag, with the French Mail, expected to arrive here on the 29th Dec. at 3 p.m.  
The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s str. Arctida, with the English Mail, left Singapore on Sunday, the 27th December, and is due to arrive here on Friday, the 1st January.  
Other Vessels.  
The s.s. Orius sailed from Calcutta on the 23rd December, and may be expected here on or about the 16th Jan. 1915.  
The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s intermediate s.s. Orius is due to Singapore for this port on the 25th December, and is due here on the 31st Dec., at daylight.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The Chinese steamer Kwang Lee from Shanghai reports: Northerly gale, occasional rain, very hazy.  
The Chinese steamer Hsin Fung from Tientsin reports: Fresh Northerly gale with rain and misty weather.  
The British steamer Haiman from Swatow reports: Strong N.E. monsoon, rough sea, overcast, showery.  
December 28.  
T. Scherman, Swedish str. 23, Ballast, AMALCO PETROLEUM CO.  
Norsk, British str. 2,301, H. E. Gilroy, Kobe via Niji Dec. 31, Coal and General.—JARDINE, MATTHEWS & CO., LD.  
Luzon Maru, Japanese str. 2,978, T. Miyata, Tacoma and Niji Dec. 31, Flour and General.—O. S. K.  
December 27.  
St. Oswald, British str. 2,411, W. B. Spicer, Haiphong December 24, Ballast.—DODWELL & CO., LD.  
Haiman, British str. 641, A. H. Stewart, Swatow Dec. 26, General.—DODWELL & CO., LD.  
Kum Maru, Japanese str. 1,902, K. Ogawa, Moji Dec. 30, Coal.—SZUKY & CO.  
Luchow, British str. 1,221, J. Meathrel, Shanghai Dec. 24, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.  
Kankin Maru No. 5, Japanese steamer, 1,109, S. Sasaki, from Chinwangtao, Coal.—DODWELL & CO., LD.  
Ulf, Norwegian str. 885, J. Pedersen, Bangkok Dec. 17, Rice.—CHITSE.  
Larles, British str. 1,340, A. Jenkins, Saigon December 22, Rice and General.—CHITSE.  
December 28.  
Pereux, British str. 4,299, J. Rippenhagen, Liverpool Nov. 24, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.  
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Calcutta, British str. 4,278, R. T. Jones, Victoria Nov. 20, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.  
Standard, Norwegian str. 894, H. N. Bull, Haiphong via Haiphong Dec. 27, Rice.—AGAARD, THORSEN & CO.  
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HONGKONG REGISTER.

Table with 2 columns: Previous day, and a list of ship arrivals and departures with dates and times.

SHIPPING

ARRIVALS.

December 28.  
Lion, British str. 4,527, G. L. South, Liverpool Nov. 8, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.  
Kanyu Lee, Chinese steamer, 1,463, J. McArthur, Shanghai Dec. 23, General.—O. S. K.  
Hsin Fung, Chinese str. 1,335, Hamblin, Tientsin Dec. 23, General.—O. S. K.  
Kankin, British str. 1,143, E. Monkman, Bangkok via Swatow Dec. 23, Rice and General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.  
Canada Maru, Japanese str. 3,231, H. Yamamoto, Tacoma Nov. 24, General.—O. S. K.  
Tacoma, British steamer, 4,003, Geo. Harding, San Francisco Nov. 25, Petroleum.—STANDARD OIL CO.  
Fochien, Russian steamer, 5,700, G. V. Anastasoff, from Vladivostok, General.—LUTHERAN.  
Sobieski, Dutch steamer, 573, T. Scherman, Swatow Dec. 23, Ballast.—AMALCO PETROLEUM CO.  
Norsk, British str. 2,301, H. E. Gilroy, Kobe via Niji Dec. 31, Coal and General.—JARDINE, MATTHEWS & CO., LD.  
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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 28th at 11.25.—The anticyclone has strengthened slightly. It is now central to the north-west of Shanghai.  
A depression lies to the east of Hokkaido. Pressure is relatively low over the S. China Sea.  
Strong to fresh monsoon may be expected to the south of Shanghai and over the N. China Sea.  
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